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Sandalwood thieves, traders arrested

Metagalli Police seize 230 kgs of scented wood worth Rs. 35 lakh

Raghu *Manjunath* *Maqbul Shariff* *Syed Ghouse*

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK&KS)- A week after busting an inter-State gang of sandalwood smugglers and arresting four accused, the city Police swooped on another similar gang and have arrested another four accused. The latest arrests made by Metagalli Police have yielded sandalwood weighing 230 kgs worth Rs. 35 lakh along with machetes, axe, saw, bike, weighing scale and other items.

The arrested are 46-year-old Raghu and 22-year-old Manjunath of Kamralli village at Yelwal Hobli, 58-year-old Maqbul Sharif of Lashkar Mohalla and 50-year-old Syed Ghouse Mohideen of Kalyangiri Nagar.

On Jan. 13, Raghu and Manjunath sneaked into the heavily guarded Bharathiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) premises located near Belavatha Ring Road and chopped off a fully-grown sandalwood tree and had taken away the trunk.

Following information from the RBI Security personnel, Metagalli Police arrested them on Jan. 14. On interrogation, Raghu and Manjunath told the Police that on Jan. 8 they had sneaked into RBI premises and had stolen a sandalwood tree trunk and had sold it to Maqbul Sharif of Lashkar Mohalla.

Again on Jan. 13, they entered into the same premises and were chopping another sandalwood tree during which they were caught red-handed. Pieces of sandalwood, machete, axe, saw and a bike was seized from them. Their arrest was formalised on Jan. 14.

(See THIEVES on page 7)

First, second year degree classes from tomorrow

Joint Director of Collegiate Education Prof. R. Mugeshappa addressing Principals' meeting at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK&BCT)- Offline classes for students of intermediate semesters for both Post-Graduate (PG) and Under-Graduate (UG) courses in degree, diploma and engineering in Mysuru will commence from tomorrow, Jan. 19.

This was decided at a meeting organised by University of Mysore (UoM) at Vijnana Bhavan this morning that was attended by Principals of affiliated Colleges. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar chaired the meeting. Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa was present.

Over 50 Principals attended the meeting.

At the meeting, Principals expressed their willingness to start first and second degree classes along with hostel, food and other facilities. The Principals told the meeting that arrangements were done and all parents and students were already communicated to be ready.

Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that the University had also decided to open first year classes of PG courses from tomorrow. While classes for final year students and second PUC had already commenced, the State Government had decided to re-open all other remaining classes after *Sankranti*.

KSOU to conduct mega online Job Mela in two months: VC

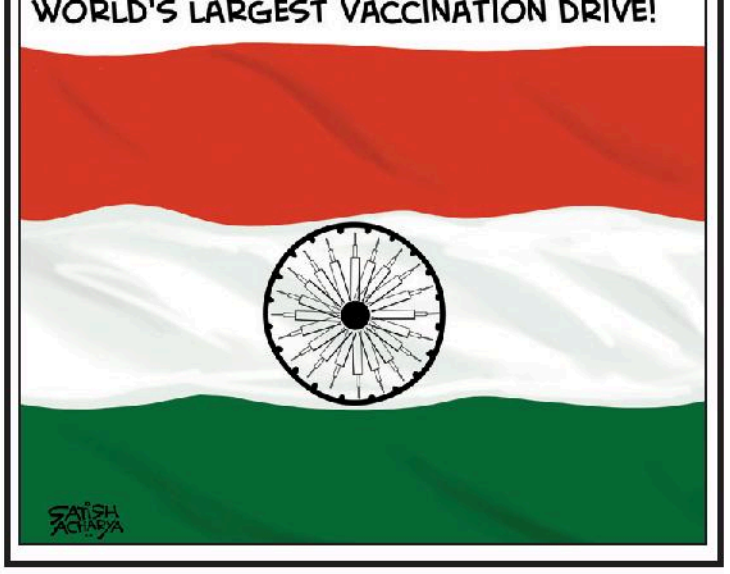
KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar and Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi at the online induction programme which was virtually inaugurated by Deputy CM Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan today.

Mysuru, Jan.18 (PM&DM)- Stating that the city-based Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) is celebrating its Silver Jubilee this year, Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar said that KSOU will be organising a massive online 'Udyoga Mela' (Job Fair) within two months. He was speaking at the inauguration of 3-day online induction programme for newly admitted students in 2020-21 (August batch) in Muktagangothri campus here this morning.

Pointing out that the Government of Karnataka has enacted an Act that recognises KSOU as the only State-run University to offer distance education courses, Prof. Vidyashankar said that KSOU was established in 1996.

(See KSOU on page 7)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 18th January 2021

MGP conducts AGM

Mysuru, Jan. 18 - Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) conducted its 31st Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) in city recently in a simple manner amidst COVID restrictions with members wearing masks and sanitising hands.

Though many members, including Ko.Su. Narasimhamurthy, demanded physical monthly meetings to be conducted instead of the virtual meetings which do not allow many members to participate in consumer awareness programmes within the limited time, the President Dr. B.V. Shivamurthy expressed his inability to comply to their request in view of SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) by the Government which do not permit them to go ahead with physical meetings and requested them to keep patience until the situation improves.

Secretary's report and audit statements of account were read by MGP Treasurer K.V. Ramanath. Working President Aswathanarayana and EC Member S.V. Raghavendra and other members also participated.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WhatsApp is going to great lengths to explain that its new use policy does not jeopardise the privacy of its users by sending additional data to its parent company, Facebook. This came after reports indicated that a formidably large number of people may be leaving WhatsApp for rivals such as Signal and Telegram. The company now says that its new policy — a take-it-or-leave-it situation where users will have to delete their accounts if they choose not to abide by it — is valid only for communication with business accounts on WhatsApp. There are two issues here — a seemingly bad faith approach by making the policy mandatory (people are likely to be forced into accepting it because their friends, families and colleagues are all on WhatsApp); and a violation of the principle of purpose limitation. In simpler terms, the latter means data should be collected and processed for only the purposes they are meant for — in WhatsApp's case, this is merely communication. The company is not mandated to follow these principles unless it is laid down in law, like it has been in Europe's General Data Protection Regulation. And that is why European users will not be subject to the take-it-or-leave-it new policy that the rest of the world will. The episode is now a strong reminder of why India must expedite work on its own data protection law so that Indians have a right to say to big tech - "We don't agree." — In Hindustan Times

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man passes DL test after failing 157 times!

London: An unnamed driver from the UK has managed to pass the driving knowledge test after failing to answer enough questions correctly for a whopping 157 times. The United Kingdom's Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) recently reported a new record for the number of times someone failed the driving knowledge test before finally passing.

A man, whose name was not disclosed for privacy reasons, reportedly managed to pass the theory test after previously failing it 157 times, and spending £3,000 ($4,100) in the process. The man was billed a candidate for the title of world's worst driver by several media outlets, but others called him an example of perseverance.

Password to $220 M in Bitcoin forgotten

San-Fransisco: A computer programmer who years ago wrote down the password to a cryptocurrency wallet on a piece of paper, has since lost the said paper, and with it access to around $220 million in Bitcoin. Can you imagine having over $200 million and no way to ever access it? That's exactly the story of San Francisco-based programmer Stefan Thomas, who has been trying to remember the password of his IronKey, a special hard-drive that contains the private keys to a digital wallet with 7,002 Bitcoin. He received the digital currency 10 years ago, while living in Switzerland, from an early Bitcoin adopter, as payment for an animated video he made, titled "What is Bitcoin?".

He lost the password to his IronKey that same year, but since a Bitcoin was only worth around $5 back then, it didn't bother him that much. Things have changed a bit since then and now it is worth millions of dollars.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Children during adolescence (10 -19 years of age) may be difficult to nurture. Parents must keep constant, open, and honest communication with their child. Be attentive to his/her behaviour, be aware of mental health problems. Watch for danger signs (red flags)-excessive sleeping, loss of self-esteem, loss of interest, decline in academics, weight loss or loss of appetite, sudden change in personality.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar - Consultant Paediatrician

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The human body contains 5 kinds of fats: Visceral fat, which surrounds the organs; white fat, which stores energy; brown fat, which burns calories; subcutaneous fat, just under the skin; and belly fat, which is a mixture of subcutaneous and visceral fat.

COVID UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 16	JAN. 17
Day's Positive Cases	36	14
Total Positive Cases	52,990	53,004
Day's Discharges	42	44
Total Discharges	51,696	51,740
Day's Deaths	0	2
Total Deaths	1,020	1022
Total Active Cases	274	242

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Sarvodaya Day contests

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Karnataka Sarvodaya Mandala, Bengaluru, in association with Amara Baapu Chintana (Kannada & English Bi-Monthly), has organised a State-level Essay and Letter Writing competitions on Jan. 30 (Sarvodaya Day) marking the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Topic for the essay to be written in Kannada is 'Sarvodaya Samaja Srushtiya Sadyategalu - Ondu Vishleshane' and 'Gandhige ondu patra' (A letter to Gandhi) should be written in connection to the Gandhian thoughts and present day situation and challenges.

Letter should be handwritten and participants must compulsorily use Inland Letters available at the Post Offices. For essay, participants must use A4 size sheets and write maximum three pages.

All the participants will get e-certificates. Selected essays/ letters will be published in Amara Baapu Chintana. The contest is open for those aged 15 to 30 years. Interested may send entries to Editor, Amara Baapu Chintana, Gandhi Bhavana, Kumara Park East, Bengaluru - 560001 before Jan. 19. For details, contact Mob: 90356-18076 or 94480-27400 or e-mail: *editor.abc2020@gmail.com.*

REALLY...?

- ***His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists, runs his Govt. in exile from Dharmashala in Northern India.***
- ***Martial Arts were first created in India, and later spread to Asia by Buddhist missionaries.***

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Mom: *"Wow, my son is a genius. What was the question?"*
Jimmy: *The question was, "Who threw the trash can at the Principal's head?!"*

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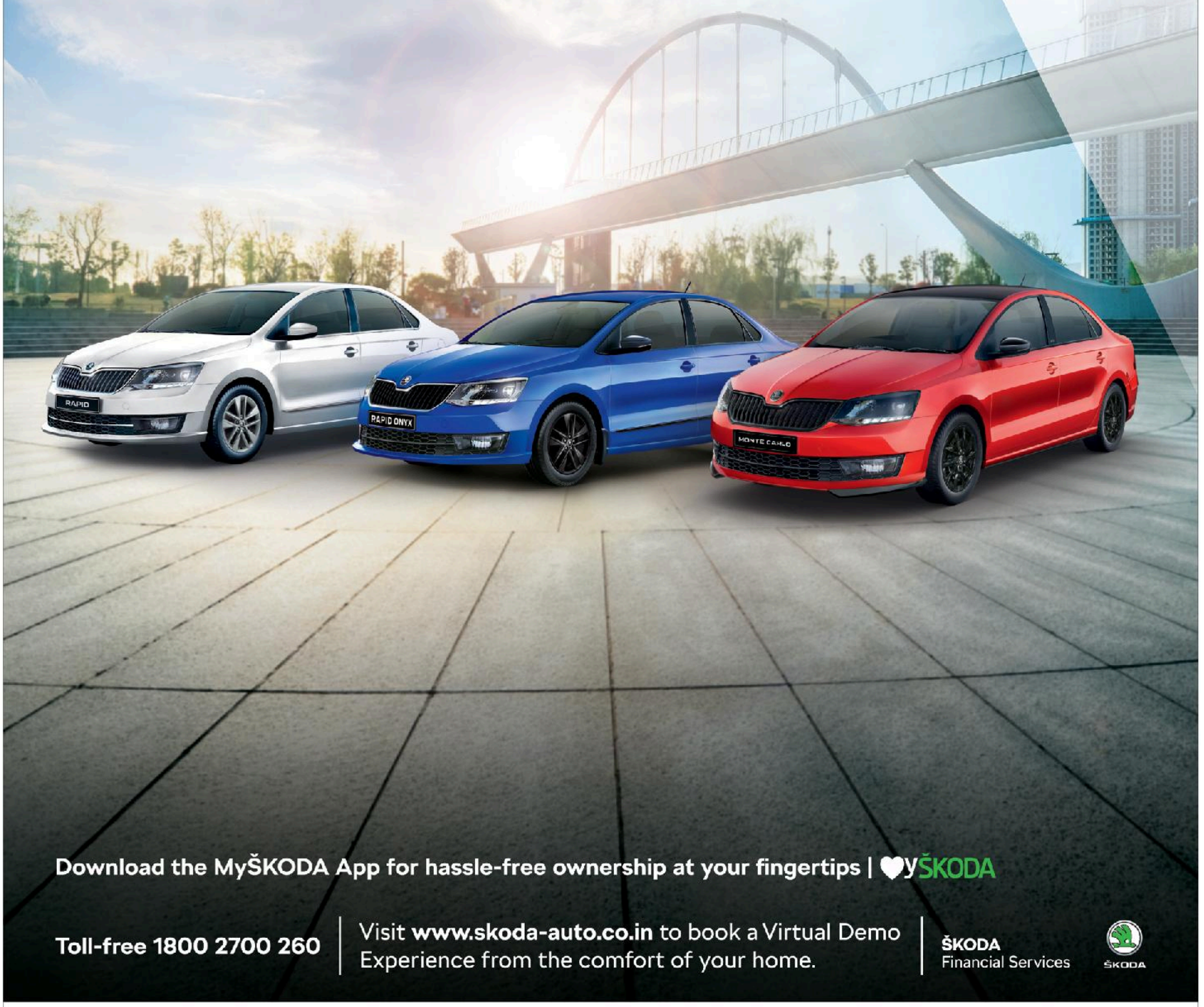

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NEWS BRIEFS

Music and dance

Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy has invited applications from SC, ST candidates willing to undergo training in Karnatak and Hindustani music, Sugama Sangeetha, Dance, Katha Keerthana and Gamaka for the academic year 2020-21. Candidates aged 14 to 26 years are eligible to apply. Applications can be downloaded from https://karnatakasangeetanrityaacademy.com/ or obtained from the Academy Office and filled-in forms should be submitted before Jan. 30.

Distribution of Braille Kits

The Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has invited applications from visually impaired students for distribution of Braille Kits for the year 2020-21. Visually impaired students studying SSLC and above, who have secured minimum of 40 percent marks, are eligible to apply. Prescribed application forms can be collected from the Department office in Tilaknagar and filled-in forms, along with all necessary documents, should be submitted back before Jan. 30. [Ph: 0821-2490333].

Ph.D awardee

Tumkur University has awarded Ph.D in Biochemistry to Sajeeda Niketh for her thesis 'Phytochemical composition and biological activities of the medicinal plant; Simarouba glauca' [Guide: Dr. Chandrakant S. Karigar].

WATER LEVEL

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Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	117.62	feet
Yesterday	:	117.87	feet
Inflow	:	1,044	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,343	cusecs

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Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,271.89	feet
Inflow	:	547	cusecs
Outflow	:	250	cusecs

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Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,821.99	feet
Inflow	:	141	cusecs
Outflow	:	30	cusecs

I am a target as I speak truth, says former CM Siddharamaiah

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RKB& BCT)- "I am being targeted for speaking the truth and I don't hesitate to speak what is right. While speaking truth, I end up in controversies. And this is the reason why I am being criticised and targeted by people owing allegiance to different political parties and ideologies," said former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. He was speaking after inaugurating Kanakadasa Jayanti and Pratibha Puraskar programme organised by Mysore University Kanaka Employees Association at Rani Bahadur Auditorium n city yesterday.

"Whatever I speak becomes controversial and that is the truth. Media highlights what I speak and my statements are twisted and turned by RSS and other outfits. Most of my statements are twisted and taken out of context to spoil my image," he said.

Siddharamaiah said that many of his co-workers hesitate to take a stand on certain issues, fearing consequences or backlash. "I had once said in the Assembly that I eat cattle meat, who are you to ask? It is my right, food habit is my right, and who are you to question? If you don't eat, leave it, I'm not going to force you. This statement was used by vested interests to target me and my words were all over the media," the Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly said.

Former CM Siddharamaiah presenting 'Seva Santha' State Award to folk singer Siddappa Sabanna Bidari during Kanakadasa Jayanti programme organised by Mysore University Kanaka Employees Association at Rani Bahadur Auditorium in city yesterday as former Hampi University VC Prof. Mallika Ghanti, retd. Professor Aravind Malagatti, University of Mysore VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar and others look on.

BJP people don't have any other work, they look for emotive issues. "My statement about beef and the culture of a particular community has been misinterpreted by the media. I regret if that has hurt the sentiments. We have various food traditions and habits. Be it goat or sheep or chicken or pork or beef. I meant that it is wrong to link religion and food habits. I never intended to say any community eats beef. It is a matter of individual choice," he said.

"I will not change my stand no matter whether I am in power or not and will always adhere to my conscience. But, a few people have been misleading others about me. I never use religion as a tool to achieve my political agenda, but whereas BJP and RSS do it to achieve its political agenda," the former CM said.

Siddharamaiah said that the true celebration of Jayantis lies in following the principles advocated by great saints, philosophers and leaders. "It is equally important to propagate the values preached by saints and philosophers like Kanakadasa. Everyone must understand the life of all achievers and personalities. Earning multiple degrees is of no use until we develop human values," the Congress leader said and advised the University to establish a statue of Kanakadasa inside the campus.

On this occasion, folk singer Siddappa Sabanna Bidari was honoured with 'Seva Santha' State Award. Several Kuruba Community leaders and community KAS officers were felicitated and Pratibha Puraskar were presented to children.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, former Minister H.M. Revanna, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, former Hampi University VC Mallika Ghanti, retired Professor Aravind Malagatti, writer Prof. C. Naganna, Mysore University Kanaka Employees Association President Basavaraju C. Jettihundi, former APMC President Beeregowda, former Zilla Panchayat (ZP) President K. Marigowda and Corporator J. Gopi were present.

A major mishap averted as JCB touches underground power cable

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (MK&DM)- Thanks to divine intervention, a major mishap was averted when the front portion of a JCB machine came in contact with a 11KV underground power cable on the road next to NR Police Station in Rajendranagar on Saturday.

The MCC has taken up Underground Drainage (UGD) works at 3rd Cross in Rajendranagar's Pension Block coming under Ward 15. As part of the works, a JCB was digging a ditch at about 4.30 pm on Saturday, when it accidentally came in contact with a 11KV cable underneath the ground.

Soon as the front portion of the JCB touched the HT power cable, a fire broke out along with a big sound. But as the power supply got cut off immediately, there was no loss of life.

Upon coming to know of the incident, MCC Works Committee Chairman Hazratullah, Corporators Pradeep Chandra (Ward 15) and Ramesh (Ward 7), MCC Engineer Nagarajegowda and CESC officials rushed to the spot. CESC officials said that the contractor will be directed to shift the underground power cable to a safer location close by.

Ward 15 Corporator Pradeep Chandra said that NR CESC officials were informed much in advance about the UGD works that was going to be taken up. Maintaining that the route map given to them showed that the UG power cable had passed through the right side of the road, he said now it is found that the UG power cable has passed right in the middle of the road beneath the earth. Contending that the route map given to them by CESC was wrong, he said that wrong information had led to the incident, with the JCB operator failing to notice the UG cable during earth digging work.

Expressing relief that there was no casualties or injuries in the incident, Pradeep Chandra said that the sudden eruption of flames accompanied by a huge noise, scared neighbouring residents and other citizens living in the vicinity.

Ward 7 Corporator Ramesh said that this was the second such incident in recent years. Recalling that a similar incident had taken place a few years ago when a metal crowbar had touched a power cable while digging for an underground drainage on a road that shoots off from K.T. Street in the heart of the city.

The matter was discussed in an MCC Council meeting when the officials had assured that such incidents would not repeat. But, thanks to official apathy, the incident has happened again, Ramesh regretted and urged the officials to take all precautionary and safety measures while carrying out UGD works.

The 11KV underground power cable that surfaced in the middle of the 3rd Cross Road in Rajendranagar's Pension Block (Ward 15) where a JCB was digging a ditch on Saturday as part of the UGD works taken up by the MCC.

VOICE OF THE READER

Salutations to Swami Harshanandaji Maharaj

Harshanandaji Maharaj

Sir,

It was indeed sad to read about the demise of Swami Harshanandaji Maharaj *(Star of Mysore* dated Jan.13). As I was closely associated with the Swamiji in my younger days, I would like to share my reminiscences with him.

I started visiting Sri Ramakrishna Ashram in Mysuru when I was aged 6 years in 1960s for eight years — as a member of "TARUNA SANGHA" at the Ashram. There were about 25 boys like me, some High School students also. We went to the Ashram in the evenings daily. Poojya Swamiji taught us Bhajans, Bhagavadgita, Sanatana Dharma, Adhyatma, Vedanta, teachings of Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda, Sharadadevi and so on.

The Swamiji was a genius and a well-learned scholar. He even taught us Science and Maths and knew each boy by name.

He taught us about the moral values of life, conducted competitions in debate, Gita chanting and sports. He played football and cricket with us. Swamiji gave discourses for the public also on some days of the week on philosophy, Gita etc., and performed evening puja actively which was a spectacular scene. He sang Bhajans, playing harmonium and made all of us participate. He involved all of us during Jayanthi celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sharadadevi and Swami Vivekananda.

Passing away of the Swamiji is a great loss to all those who knew him and to the society at large. The legacy which he has left behind is enormous. All my salutations to Him.

—Dr. C. S. Raviprakash
Vijayanagar Railway Layout
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Tibetan Monks & Nuns contribute towards construction of Ram Temple at Ayodhya

The Chief of Namdroling Monastery (The Golden Temple in Bylakuppe), Gyang Khang Tulku Rinpoche and Mugsang Kuchen Rinpoche, along with all the Monks and Nuns, contributed a sum of Rs. 5,80,000 through cheque drawn in favour of 'Sri Rama Janmabhoomi Theertha Kshethra' towards the construction of Sri Ram Temple Complex at Ayodhya.

3,300 candidates attend Udyoga Mela, 609 get job letters on the spot

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (DM) - Stating that students should seriously think about their career in college days itself, Maharaja Government PU College Principal T.R. Siddaraju said that parents should encourage their wards to start preparations for competitive exams early.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 'Udyoga Mela' organised by the Department of Industrial Training and Employment, under the Union Government's 'Rashtriya Vrutti Seva Yojana' at Government ITI College premises in N.R. Mohalla (Mysuru-Bengaluru Road) here recently.

Noting that students should not compare themselves with their peers, Siddaraju said that likewise, parents too should not make a comparison of their wards with others in terms of work and studies. Opining that merely scoring high marks would not do in these days of cut throat competition, he said that it is important to qualify in competitive exams for shaping a career. Pointing out that students should understand that economical constraints do not come in their way of achieving success, he said that it is important to note that poor students have a great zeal for learning.

Maintaining that job would not beckon us in this highly competitive world, he said that it is the other way around, with candidates having to chase jobs. He wished that such Udyoga Melas become a successful platform for large-scale employment.

District Employment Exchange Officer D.M. Rani said that about 50 companies from Mysuru and Bengaluru were part of the day-long Udyoga Mela (Job Fair). Pointing out that over 3,300 candidates, including 1,579 women, had attended the Mela, she said that a total of 609 candidates, including 327 men and 282 women candidates were given job-letters by different companies.

T. Narasipur ITI staffer Chandrika, entrepreneurs Sandeep Pande, Eliyas Baig, Zulfiqar Kalligudi and others were present.

City docs vouch for COVID-19 vaccine

Dr. C. Rajan *Dr. S.P. Yoganna*

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (SBD&SSV)- Two prominent doctors of city have vouched for COVID-19 vaccine and have asked people to take it without any hesitation when their turn comes.

Reacting to the launch of vaccination drive, Dr. C. Rajan, retired Professor, Department of Medicine, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), has said there was no side effects in some of his friends who had volunteered the clinical trial for vaccine a few months ago. COVID-19 vaccine was a life saver and was it not a better option to take it rather than rejecting it, he said.

He said doctors and scientists across the globe have slogged to invent a vaccine against the pandemic. Clinical trial was held successfully at JSS College and Hospital, Mysuru and recorded its efficacy and safety. "I will certainly take vaccination when my turn comes. Likewise, citizens can get themselves inoculated without any hesitation. We must thank the Government for vaccinating every one free of cost."

Dr. Rajan pointed out that side effects are quite common when any vaccine was taken and people have rejected it during initial days earlier. When BCG vaccine was invented 9 decades ago, people had rejected and the same was in the case of Cholera vaccine too. Resistance was there when DPT, Hepatitis and other vaccines were given to people. So, it was natural that citizens have reservation about COVID-19 vaccine now. But, they would voluntarily take it in the coming days. It was important to have the complete knowledge of vaccine before taking it. At the same time, media had to create awareness among people on utilities of vaccine, he noted.

"No major side effects on those who have taken vaccine in first round. One in a lakh may have side effects like allergy and that can be cured by medicine. People must not heed to false propaganda regarding vaccine. Pregnant, lactating mothers and children below 18 years of age are not supposed to take vaccine as per guidelines. Vaccine will be given to one and all in a phased manner. It is better for aged and diabetic patients to take it on priority." **—Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Chairman, Suyog Hospital**

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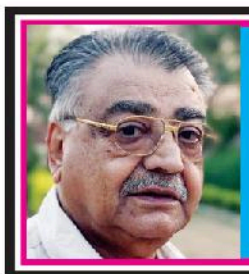

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

A Sunday escapade to Karighatta

PIC. 1: ***The front view of Sri Srinivasa Temple at Karighatta.*** PIC. 2: ***Water tank and the locked toilet cubicles. Trash can be seen scattered but much of it was nearby.*** PIC. 3: ***A huge publicity hoarding facing the main road and the village made of a giant concrete structure with images illuminated.***

Being cocooned for over eight months at home because of the COVID-19 pandemic, I felt like breaking out from the cocoon and walk around like a free man.

Going to office is one easy alternative for me. Thank God I have a working place of my own for this kind of distraction and freedom. Imagine those seniors like me without such advantage. Public road, public park or dear and near ones are some places they can escape to and enjoy the freedom. Let it be.

Yesterday was a Sunday and we as a family decided on an outing, a sort of picnic we have been having since three months. Home-makers got ready with a mat, a *dhari*, folding chairs and, of course, packed eatables. And we set off to Karighatta, 23 kilometres from city on Srirangapatna Road, past Baburayanakoppal on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway. It is a hillock with a Sri Srinivasa Temple of hoary past without Gopura, which is commonly seen in all Srinivasa (Venkataramana) Temples. But it has a small one above the sanctum sanctorum *(see picture)*. You take a U-turn after passing Baburayanakoppal to enter T. Narasipur-Srirangapatna Road. The hill temple is about a kilometre to your left after entering this road.

The upward climb begins with nine hairpin bends to negotiate. All along the retention wall the Forest Department has written its social message about the importance of protecting the forest. One message was disturbing as it says, *'Cutting a tree is like cutting your head'* and more. But they are imaginative and drives the message home easily. The road is asphalted and well-maintained.

Atop, the place is maintained, more or less, in a natural state without too much of civil work or paving. The heritage character of the temple and the ambience is maintained, but the sad sight is of trash and rubbish lying in the outer edge of the temple premises inviting flies and stray dogs apart from emanating foul smell. Either the Forest Department or the temple authorities should keep a watch on the tourists who indulge in this kind of vandalism forgetting Prime Minister Modi's *'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.'* Well, we expect cleanliness more in a place where we believe God resides, temple.

Like always at noon time there were many tourists and devotees coming and leaving. Looking at the situation we abandoned our picnic plan even inside the forest, which is not very inviting either.

Interestingly, we saw a group of about 25 people sitting under the shadow of a huge tree by the side of the flight of steps leading to the temple from the main road below. Curious, on enquiry we learnt it was the annual meeting of friends who had formed themselves as a group under the name 'Shiva Prabhe Balaga' from Mysuru. They do social service in their own limited way while they go on excursion and picnic regularly for joy carrying food with them. This Sunday they chose Karighatta Temple for their meeting and good eating. Hope they will not leave the place dirty and with the trash. I am sure they will not because, as they told us, they also do social service and they will have concern for *'Swachhata'* and clean environment.

Be that as it may, we found the place ideal for a weekend drive and those who are religious have the benefit of having *darshan* of the Lord who is said be presiding over the hill for centuries.

Here are some of the photos I took with captions which are explanatory.

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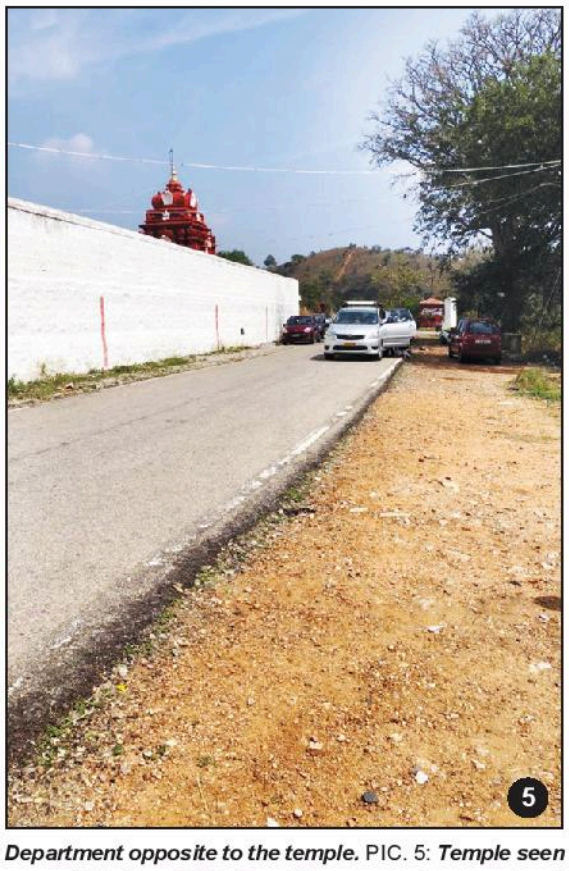

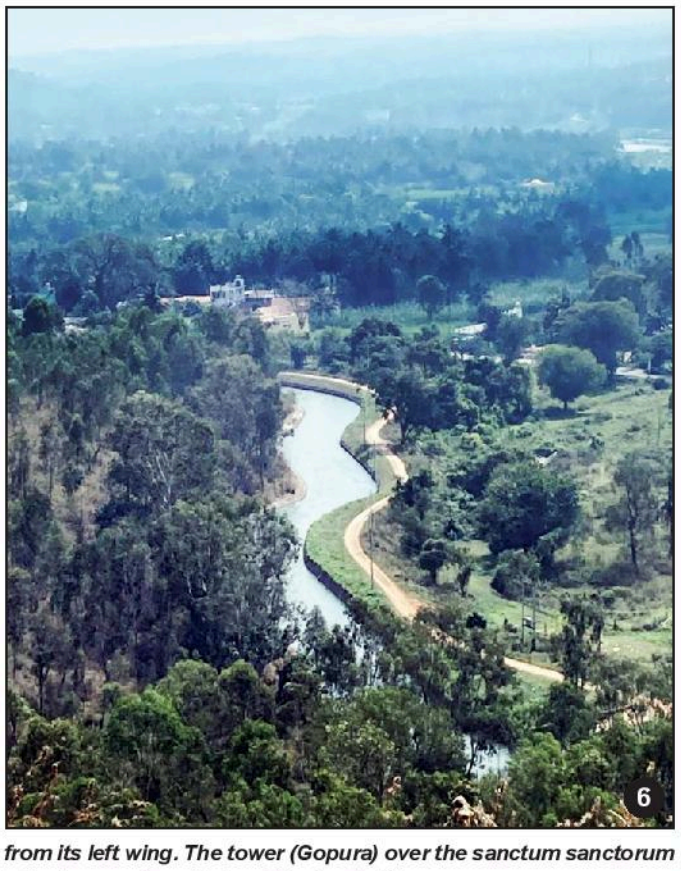

PIC. 4: ***There is a Botanical Garden created by the Forest Department opposite to the temple.*** PIC. 5: ***Temple seen from its left wing. The tower (Gopura) over the sanctum sanctorum can be seen.*** PIC. 6: ***As you climb the hill or drive down, you get this beautiful view of the canal criss-crossing the landscape down-below. What a sight !***

KSOU to conduct mega online Job Mela

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Noting that the University adopted digital learning one-and-a-half-years ago, the VC highlighted that KSOU has crossed many hurdles, including de-recognition of its courses by the UGC, in the 25 years of its journey.

Asserting that KSOU is working towards propagating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's concept of 'Digital India', Prof. Vidyashankar said that the University has developed an App, through which the students can download study materials at ease.

Stating that payment of course fee, exam fee, issuance of marks card etc., has gone online, he said that students are required to come to the University only once during admission for physical verification of records.

He further said that the Open University is working towards getting Section 12 B status of UGC for receiving Central assistance under various schemes and NAAC recognition and he was hopeful of getting them before he demitted office after completion of his term.

17,000 students enrolled

KSOU Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi said that this year the University has enrolled over 17,000 students as against only 10,000 last year.

Pointing out that this is the second year of admission after the KSOU got back recognition of its courses from the UGC in 2018, he maintained that KSOU, just like other conventional Universities, is maintaining quality and standards in imparting distance education to thousands of students every year. Prof. Gandhi further said that a committee will be formed to prepare an action plan for Silver Jubilee celebrations and added that the virtual job mela is going to be part of the celebrations.

Dy.CM inaugurates induction programme

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, also Higher Education Minister, who inaugurated the induction programme virtually from Bengaluru, lauded the University for organising such a programme amid the COVID-19 crisis.

Stating that the University has successfully crossed several hurdles and has been successful in enrolling 17,244 students this year (2020-21) from every nook and corner of the State, he said that the Government recently brought an Act, which makes the KSOU as the only distance education provider in Karnataka.

Noting that at present, the KSOU can impart distance education only within the State, he said that the University has scope to expand its horizons beyond the State, after the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP). KSOU Dean (Academic) Prof. Kamble Ashok, Registrar (Evaluation) Dr. Kavitha Rai, Study Centre Dean Dr. Shanmukha, CIQA Director Dr. S. Niranjanraj, Special Officer Dr. Rajeshwari and others were present.

The three-day online induction programme concludes on Jan.20.

Special drive for healthcare workers who missed date with vaccination

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (SSV)- Over 400 healthcare workers, who had missed the first dose of *Covishield* vaccination on the inaugural day in Mysuru District on Saturday last, will get another chance to get inoculated but only after completion of vaccination to already registered health staff.

Dr. L. Ravi

"Once the vaccination of the registered healthcare workers is over, the 406 persons who skipped vaccination wilfully out of fear or for other genuine reasons will be vaccinated in the special round this week. That will be the last chance for them to get inoculated or else they will miss the opportunity, " Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) and District COVID-19 Immunisation Officer told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

Without mincing words, he said as many as 406 healthcare workers both in Urban and Rural areas missed the date with vaccination despite informing them about their date of inoculation well in advance. After over 40 percent of the staff skipped free vaccination, the State Health Department Officers in Bengaluru were contacted for clarification.

They said the missed health-care workers could be vaccinated in the special drive after completing the already registered workers in CoWIN App.

"We came to know that many of them have skipped vaccination due to wrong propaganda by some vested interests. Now those missed healthcare workers have been identified and counselled against any kind of fear about vaccines," he said.

On reports of side effects after taking vaccine in JSS Hospital, Mysuru, Dr. Ravi termed it as normal and said one or two complained of blackout mainly due to anxiety. They became alright once they took rest for a while.

As a precautionary measure, the vaccinated persons have been sent SMS about name and mobile number of Vaccinator in case of any problem. Going a step ahead, the healthcare volunteers would call up the vaccinated persons to enquire about their health on the next day. So far, no one has taken seriously ill in the district which shows the safety and efficacy of the vaccine, he added.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Session planned:	74
Session entered in CoWIN portal :	74
Beneficiaries planned :	5,000
Beneficiaries uploaded in CoWIN portal:	4,554

New Divisional Branch of Food Corporation of India inaugurated

Mysuru, Jan. 18 - Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (CAFPD) Piyush Goyal virtually inaugurated the new Divisional Branch of Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Mysuru on Thursday (Jan. 14).

Having 64,250 MT capacity six procurement centres with ten State-owned procurement centres of 80,640 MT capacity, Mysuru division of FCI is efficiently supplying food stocks to the beneficiaries in Mandya, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Tumakuru districts and dispensing 36,500 MT food grains per month in the region. CAFPD Secretary Sudanshu Pandey, FCI CMD Sanjeevkumar, FCI ED R.D. Nazeem, DGM Mohanchandra and others were present.

Sandalwood thieves, traders arrested

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Maqbul Sharif has been buying stolen sandalwood since many years and used to supply machetes, saw and torches to wood thieves. The Police, who raided the house of Maqbul on Jan. 15, arrested him and recovered 33.5 kg sandalwood which he had illegally bought from Raghu and Manjunath and also from others.

Maqbul told the Police that after buying sandalwood, he used to sell the same to Syed Ghouse Mohideen of Kalyangiri Nagar. The Police again raided the house of Syed Ghouse on Jan. 16, arrested him and recovered 190 kg sandalwood billets besides seizing a weighing scale and other items. The total worth of the wood seized is estimated at Rs. 35 lakh.

Police said that Syed Ghouse is a habitual offender and has cases of buying stolen sandalwood registered in 2019 at Virajpet Rural Police Station and was jailed for 84 days at Madikeri Central Jail last year. After coming out of the jail, he again continued his illegal trade.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and Narasimharaja (NR) Sub-Division Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Shivashankar directed the operation. Metagalli Inspector A. Mallesh, Sub-Inspectors K. Vishwanath and Nagaraj Nayak and staff Ponnappa, Madhukumar, H.P. Diwakar, H.B. Krishna, H.V. Rajesh, Prashanth Kumar, Basavaraju, Srishaila Huggi, Likith R. Chethan, Asha, G. Prakash, Chandrakanth Talawar, Mani, N.R. Sub-Division ACP's special team members Anil Shankapal, Lingarajappa, Ramesh, Suresh, Kantharaj, Jeevan, Hanumantha Kalled and Gowrishankar, took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

It may be recalled that a special team under Nazarbad Police Sub-Inspector M.L. Siddesh on Jan. 8 had arrested a four-member gang of inter-State sandalwood smugglers and had seized 46 kg sandalwood logs worth Rs. 5.5 lakh and a car used for smuggling.

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This is to inform the general public that my client is intending to purchase a site having no.49, measuring East to West 24mtr and North to South 15mtr. situated in a layout formed in sy nos 59/1A,1B,1C,59/2 & 64 in total measuring 14 acres 04 guntas, situated at Lingambudhi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore taluk & district from its Seller/Owner Sri Sivam S/o Sri. D. Shankeralingam, resicing at # 1221, 2nd mian, 2nd cross, Srirampura, Mysore.

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POLICY POLITICS & PEOPLE

Making India proud by running world's largest vaccination programme

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The success of the programme is largely dependent on the quality of training conducted for enumerators for beneficiary listing, health functionaries for vaccination activities, social mobilisers for all mobilisation activities and communication training for all workers involved in the process.

The last couple of weeks has seen discussions around the vaccine for COVID and whether they are safe and effective. While each person is entitled to his or her own view, it can indeed be confusing listening to the several experts and political commentators about this issue. From calling it the BJP vaccine, to expressing concerns on one of the vaccines being hastily approved for emergency use, one is unsure how the citizens of the country will respond.

Most of the people alive today have grown up in times when vaccines have become an inseparable part of our life. From the tetanus shots given to the mother even before one is born, to the primary immunisation provided to all new-born infants against vaccine preventable diseases, we have come to accept vaccines as part of our lifestyle. Countries like India have developed enormous expertise in delivering immunisation programmes to millions of people across the country with a great degree of success. Our public health systems are embedded with the capacity, the intent, the wherewithal and the resources to ensure that the programme is delivered successfully while ensuring adequate safety of the recipients and maintenance of the required cold chain processes.

What is a vaccine and how does it work?

Vaccines contain weakened or inactive parts of a particular organism (antigen) that triggers an immune response within the body. Administering the vaccine will not cause the disease in the person receiving it, but will prompt their immune system to have an antibody response against the disease causing organism. Some vaccines require multiple doses, given weeks or months apart. This is sometimes needed to allow for the production of long-lived antibodies and development of memory cells. In this way, the body is trained to fight the specific disease-causing organism, building up memory of the pathogen so as to rapidly fight it, if and when exposed in the future.

There are three major elements that one must keep in mind when a new vaccine is released for use. The first is the **safety** factor. Vaccines have to be safe with no serious side effects. The next critical factor is the **efficacy** of the vaccine in actually preventing the disease if a person is exposed to the causative organism (Coronavirus in this case). One has to assess the percentage of protection in the population vaccinated, and the degree of severity in cases where a vaccinated person actually contracts the disease. The third important consideration is the **longevity of the protection** that a vaccine affords a person. In the case of the Coronavirus, one hopes that vaccinated persons are protected long enough for either herd immunity to develop in the entire population or for the transmissibility of the virus to fall with the decrease in the number of people getting infected. All this is understood and documented by the three phases of the trials for the vaccine.

The herculean task ahead

Amidst all the scientific and political debate that is raging, one should not lose sight of the fact that the public health system is fully geared up to ensure that all Indian citizens over time are vaccinated at State expense. Running the world's largest vaccination programme in such a short time is easier said than done for the Health Ministry. Apart from the production, procurement and distribution of vaccines across the country; getting the support of other related Ministries; working with State Governments who are vested with the Constitutional mandate to provide health services; managing the private stakeholders and their vested financial interests; convincing skeptical citizenry and managing the politics of the situation is indeed a challenge and a nightmare. While the norm is to criticise when things go wrong and operate with trust deficit in public systems, one cannot but appreciate the fact that India's public health system has not only worked overtime to prepare itself but has also begun to deliver.

High-level coordination at the National, State and District-levels had to be established. Nineteen Ministries at National-level, twenty-three Departments at State and District and numerous developmental partners were involved in planning the COVID-19 vaccination programme. The success of the programme is largely dependent on the quality of training conducted for enumerators for beneficiary listing, health functionaries for vaccination activities, social mobilisers for all mobilisation activities and communication training for all workers involved in the process. All this had to be done in severely condensed time frames and dry runs were undertaken across the country to ascertain that the processes actually worked.

Considering the importance of health care and frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19, vaccine had to be offered to them first. Next in priority are the population above 50 years of age, followed by population below 50 years of age with associated comorbidities based on the evolving pandemic situation, and finally the remaining population based on the disease epidemiology and vaccine availability. The latest electoral roll for the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly elections is being used to identify the population and their age. The COVID-19 Vaccine Intelligence Network (CoWIN) system is a digital platform that has been prepared to track the enlisted beneficiaries for vaccination and COVID-19 vaccines on a real-time basis. At the vaccination site, only pre-registered beneficiaries will be vaccinated as per the prioritisation outlined. Each vaccination site is expected to vaccinate not more than a hundred people a day and once a person receives the jab, he or she will be kept in a observation room for 30 minutes. This is to ensure an immediate medical response in the unlikely event of an adverse reaction (expected in a very small number of people with pre-existing allergies).

Safety precautions, including infection prevention and control practices, safe injection practices and waste disposal, will be followed during the vaccination sessions. As large population groups will be vaccinated over a short period with a new vaccine, monitoring the safety of these vaccines will also be critical. This will involve post-vaccination tracking and follow up.

COVID vaccine reorientation and sensitisation of Updates and CoWin software was held at DHO Office in city yesterday for all the Health Officers and staff involved in the vaccination drive in Mysuru district.

Requirements for management of the cold chain for COVID-19 vaccination will vary depending on the type of COVID-19 vaccine, as different vaccines have different storage temperature ranges. Cold chain assessments and gap analysis have been completed, and there are plans in place for supplying additional cold chain equipment where required. Key communication and demand generation strategies have been planned at the National, State, District and Sub-District-levels. Key areas being addressed in the communication plan include information on COVID-19 vaccine, vaccine eagerness, vaccine hesitancy and COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.

While the debate rages on, what matters is the quiet confidence with which the public health system has geared itself up for the occasion. From manufacturing the vaccines locally, to distributing it with cold chain maintenance, identifying the priority list of recipients, to meeting the costs — it is a complex and herculean task. It speaks to the credit of the thousands of men and women who have been working day and night to make this happen. The least that we the citizens can do is to appreciate their hard work and say a silent prayer for their continued welfare. And trust the system by taking the vaccine when our turn comes.

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'Name a Kalabhavan in Mysuru after Piteelu Chowdiah'

Sumalatha Ambarish urges State Government

Titular head of Mysuru Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar is seen releasing the book 'Naada Nakshatra - Sangeetha Ratna Sri Piteelu T. Chowdiah,' authored by Dr. T.C. Poornima (Deputy Director, Directorate of Information and Publicity), on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Piteelu T. Chowdiah at Rani Bahadur auditorium in Manasagangothri in city yesterday. Others seen are Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish, University of Mysore VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar and thinker & Mysuru Mithra columnist Gubbigoodu Ramesh.

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (YDS&SD)- Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish has urged the State Government to name at least one Kalabhavan in Mysuru in memory of violin maestro Piteelu T. Chowdiah.

She was speaking at an event organised by Prasaranga of Hampi Kannada University, in association with Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore T. Chowdiah Trust, on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Piteelu T. Chowdiah at Rani Bahadur auditorium in Manasagangothri here yesterday.

"In memory of violin maestro Piteelu Chowdiah, we have Chowdiah Memorial Hall in Bengaluru, which has been built in the shape of a gigantic seven stringed violin. Forget about constructing such a building in Mysuru, which is Chowdiah's native town, we have not even named

Piteelu T. Chowdiah

a building here, so I would like to urge the State Government to name at least one Kalabhavan in Mysuru after the violin maestro," Sumalatha Ambarish said.

"When Ambarish showed me the Chowdiah Memorial Hall for the first time in Bengaluru I was astonished, because I had never seen such a beautiful building in my life," she added.

On the occasion, a book titled 'Naada Nakshatra - Sangeetha Ratna Sri Piteelu T. Chowdiah' written by Dr. T.C. Poornima, Deputy Director, Directorate of Information and Publicity, was released by the titular head of Mysuru Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, thinker and *Mysuru Mithra* columnist Gubbigoodu Ramesh, Hampi Kannada University VC Dr. S.C. Ramesh, Music University VC Dr. Nagesh Bettakote, Member of Kannada Varsity Executive Committee G.C. Rajanna, Prashanth Bheemaiah, Hampi Kannada University Registrar Prof. A. Subbanna Rai, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Trust Honorary Secretary C.R. Himanshu, Hampi Kannada University Prasaranga Director Dr. H.D. Prashant and others were present during the occasion.

District Administration announces reservation for President, Vice-President posts of Gram Panchayats in Mysuru taluk

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (DM)- Over a fortnight of the announcement of results of Gram Panchayat polls, the District Administration on Saturday announced the reservation for President and Vice-President posts of Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Mysuru taluk.

The reservation was announced at a meeting held at Manasagangothri's Senate Bhavan on Saturday which was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri. Although the election was held for only 23 of the 28 GPs in the taluk, the reservation was announced for 28 GPs, including Koorgalli, Devalapura, Beerihundi, Alanahalli and Yelwal GPs, for which polls were not held now due to delimitation. ADC B.S. Manjunathswamy, Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith, TP EO Krishnakumar and other officials were present.

RESERVATION LIST

Sl.No.	Gram Panchayat	President Category	Vice-President Category
1.	Nagawala	General	SC Female
2.	Naganahalli	General	SC Female
3.	Vajamangala	General	General Female
4.	Yadakola (Siddaramanahundi)	General	ST Female
5.	Varuna	General	SC Female
6.	Devalapura	General	ST Female
7.	Chamundi Hill	General	SC Female
8.	Koorgalli	General Female	SC
9.	Sindhuvalli	General Female	ST Female
10.	Dhanagalli	General Female	ST
11.	Beerihundi (Mellahalli)	General Female	ST
12.	Gopalapura	General Female	SC
13.	Siddalingapura	General Female	SC
14.	Allanahalli	General Female	SC
15.	Gungral Chatra	SC	General Female
16.	Harohalli (Mellahalli)	SC	General Female
17.	Mosambayanahalli	SC	General Female
18.	Marballi	SC	General Female
19.	Ananduru	SC Female	ST
20.	Kilanapura	SC Female	General
21.	Doora	SC Female	General
22.	Harohalli (Jayapura)	SC Female	General
23.	Yelwal	ST	General Female
24.	Someshwarapura	ST	General Female
25.	Udbur	ST	General
26.	Varakodu	ST Female	General
27.	Jayapura	ST Female	General
28.	Doddamaragowdanahalli	ST Female	General

KSRTC drivers issued notices for traffic violations

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (SPN&KS)- City Traffic Police, through KSRTC Depot Manager, have issued notices to KSRTC drivers for traffic violations and have instructed them to pay the penalty.

Enforcement Automation Centre at City Police Commissioner's Office under Motor Vehicles Act 1988, Column 133, has issued digital notices to the erring drivers.

The drivers of KA-09-F-5204 belonging to Depot-1, KA-57-F-3946 of Depot-2, KA-09-F-5075 and KA-09-F-5063 of Depot-3, KA-09-F-5304 and KA-09-F-5301 of H.D. Kote Depot and KA-09-F-5477 of Periyapatna Depot have been issued notices by the Mysuru Rural Divisional Traffic Officer based on notices served by Traffic Police.

Man arrested for murdering wife

Hunsur, Jan. 18 (KK&KS)- Hunsur Town Police have arrested a man on charges of murdering his wife at his house in Kalkunike Housing Board Colony in the town by strangulating her.

While the accused has been identified as Ravi, the victim is his wife Sowmya (30), a Anganwadi worker.

Details: Sowmya, daughter of Shivanna, a resident of Sathanur in Mandya, was given in marriage to Ravi of Kalkunike in Hunsur 11 years ago and the couple have two sons, aged nine and seven years.

Ravi, who had suspected his wife of having an affair,

Ravi *Sowmya*

had expressed his doubts and there were frequent quarrels between the couple over the issue. Though the issue ended in a compromise, the matter also ended up in the Police Station where it was settled.

But on Saturday night when Sowmya was sleeping, Ravi allegedly strangulated her by pressing her neck with his leg and again strangled her with a veil to make sure she was dead and had fled from the spot. Hunsur Town Police, who rushed to the spot on Sunday morning, conducted mahazar and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary in Mysuru for post-mortem.

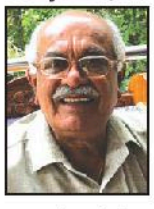
Meanwhile, Sowmya's brother Mahesh, expressing doubts about Sowmya's death, lodged a complaint against Ravi at Hunsur Town Police Station. The Police, who registered a case, arrested Ravi at about 2 pm yesterday.

During interrogation, accused Ravi is said to have confessed of murdering Sowmya.

Ravi has been remanded to judicial custody.

Obituary

Machimanda C. Poonacha



Mysuru, Jan. 18- Machimanda C. Poonacha (76), a resident of BVL Aster in K.C. Layout, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning following cardiac arrest.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at the foot of Chamundi Hill tomorrow at 9 am.

Kambeyanda Parvathi

Kambeyanda Parvathi (Pattada), wife of Air Veteran and former General Manager at Toyota Kirlosker Kambeyanda Appachu (Vitala), passed away at her residence in Belavadi last night. She was 74.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar this afternoon.

WORD OF THE DAY

Kowtow

Pronunciation: KOW-tow.
Meaning: To show obsequious deference; to kneel and touch the forehead to the ground in token of homage, worship, or deep respect.
Origin: Kowtow originated as a noun referring to the act of kneeling and touching one's head to the ground as a salute or act of worship to a revered authority. In traditional China this ritual was performed by commoners making requests to the local magistrate, by the emperor to the shrine of Confucius, or by foreign representatives appearing before the emperor to establish trade relations. (In late 18th century, some Western nations resisted performing the ritual, which acknowledged the Chinese emperor as the "son of heaven.") Kowtow derives from Chinese koutou, formed by combining the verb kou ("to knock") with the noun tou ("head").
Example: "[Cyndi] Lauper wanted a hit record. She wanted one badly after PolyGram dropped her first band Blue Angel following a failed debut in 1980. But she wouldn't kowtow to music execs in pursuit of that hit." — Jed Gottlieb.

THE ODD WORD

Kainotophobia

Fear of change.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

As keen as mustard

Meaning: Very enthusiastic.
Origin: There are many similes in English that have the form 'as x as y'. 'As keen as mustard' is typical and, although rather archaic, is worth a closer look - if only to dispel a myth about its origin.

The Olde England of folk-memory conjures up pictures of ale-quaffing yeomen tucking into sides of roast beef. That may be fanciful, but the long-standing enthusiasm for the Sunday roast was real, as reflected in the words of Richard Leveridge's 1735 song Roast beef of old England:

When mighty Roast Beef
Was the Englishman's food,
It ennobled our brains
And enriched our blood.

Mustard was an essential accompaniment to beef. It became associated with vigour and enthusiasm because it added zest and flavour. By the early 20th century, the association was so strong that the word was used like this: 1925 E. Wallace, in King by Night: "That fellow is mustard."

QUOTE BOX

Almost anything is edible with a dab of French mustard on it. **— Nigel Slater**

RIDDLE THIS

What is so delicate that saying its name breaks it?

Answer: Silence.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 "Oran" anagram to get a girl's name?
5 Indian queen
9 One of the `little people'
12 Surmounting
13 As _ __ : as a child or youngster (1,3)
14 To cry bitterly
15 Ambush
16 Immediately after this
18 Sultan's wives
20 Mystery writer John Dickson ___
21 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
24 Meshed sorting utensil
27 Breed of dog
31 Moral offence
32 Extinct ox - "Suru" anagram?
33 Arid or parched
34 Employed
35 Nothing, no score
36 Small birds
38 Parties or festive gatherings
41 Cosy
42 American coin
44 Full of information
48 Segregates or separates
52 City near Oakland
53 Frequency unit
54 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
55 Show appreciation
56 Easy on the ___ : pleasant to look at?
57 Probably hearty too!
58 Hankers after

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	A	A	L	■	O	H	O	■	W	I	G	S
T	A	T	A	■	J	I	B	■	H	D	M	I
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O	N	E	S	■	D	E	S	I	S	T	E	D
A	R	E	■	B	A	S	E	D	■	I	V	Y
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■	■	■	O	P	T	S	■	O	P	E	N	S
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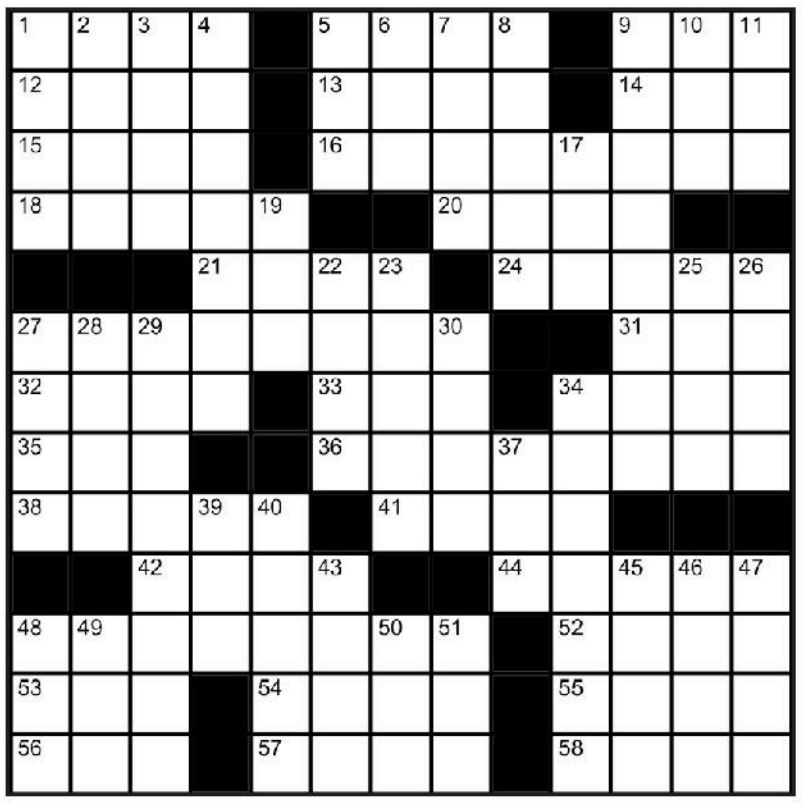
H	E	R	A	■	U	M	P	I	R	I	N	G
A	R	U	T	■	N	A	E	■	E	T	U	I
D	O	S	E	■	K	I	D	■	S	O	N	C

DOWN

1 Bollywood's Prem ___ or Alok ___
2 Other abroad
3 Sound like a lion
4 Comes into sight or emerges
5 Cheer
6 Malt beverage
7 Undercover cop, in short
8 Notions
9 Strong black coffee
10 A card game in which forfeits are paid into a pool
11 Fly-by-night
17 Mentalist Geller
19 Missing in action in short
22 Appends or joins
23 Military unit
25 Range of vision
26 Odds and ___ : fragments; remnants; scraps; bits
27 The organ of breathing
28 Song in an opera
29 Overrun, crush or intimidate
30 Spielberg's Saving Private ___
34 Pressing need
37 Score at cricket
39 Suffer
40 Break into pieces
43 Famous volcano
45 Broad thick timber along ship's side
46 Stretch from side to side
47 Talks noisily or foolishly
48 Dwight
49 Not bold
50 Slender fish
51 ____ through : not be deceived by?



SUDOKO

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	3				4			6
2			6					
9					8			
			3		6			
			1					7
					3			2
4			8				1	
		5			2		9	3

Answer to previous puzzle

9	1	3	7	2	6	8	5	4
2	5	4	8	3	9	7	1	6
7	8	6	4	5	1	9	2	3
5	6	8	2	4	3	1	9	7
1	2	9	5	6	7	3	4	8
4	3	7	9	1	8	2	6	5
3	7	5	1	9	4	6	8	2
8	4	1	6	7	2	5	3	9
6	9	2	3	8	5	4	7	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JGVF IAGIZA MKA CGGY. FRAX JMX SGF PA

VMTSFV, PLF FRAX MKA CGGY.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I am, indeed, a king, because I know how to rule myself.

T20 World Cup-2021 preparation

India to host New Zealand

Mumbai, Jan. 18- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) held its Apex Council Meeting yesterday in which the Board decided to take a call on the domestic season after further discussions with State units.

New Zealand will tour India as part of preparations for the 2021 WT20. Speaking to a section of the media, sources present in the meeting said that while a final call is yet to be taken on the hosting of Ranji Trophy or the Vijay Hazare Trophy, it was announced that New Zealand will tour India with an eye on the T20 WC.

"We are yet to take a final call on the domestic season and we have to see if we will have the Ranji Trophy or the 50-over format. The State Associations did show keen interest to have the Vijay Hazare, so a call will be taken soon. The bubble system shall remain the same as is being used in the Mushtaq Ali Trophy," the source said.

Asked about the plan to host New Zealand, the source said it was part of India's plan to prepare for the T20 World Cup. "The venues and detailing will be done in some time. But the idea is to play maximum T20 games with an eye on the T20 World Cup. It will help the boys prepare," the source pointed.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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Master (Ta)	(S-1)	8.15 am, 11.45 am, 3.10 pm, 6.35 pm 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	1.00 pm
	(S-3)	2.35 pm, 6.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Master (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am
Krack (Te)	(S-3)	11.30 am, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Red (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
Alludu Adhurs (Te)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Eeswaran (Ta)	(S-4)	1.40 pm

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	(S-2)	10 am, 2 pm 6, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	11 am
Master (K)	(S-1)	1.00 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.15 pm
Red (Te)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 pm
Alludu Adhurs (Te)	(S-4)	2.45 pm
Eeswaran (Ta)	(S-1)	10.15 am
	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Vikki (K)	(S-4)	11.45 am

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS **Ph: 0821 - 2973519**

Saavu in Love	(S-1)	10.00 am
Master (Ta)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 2.00 pm 5.30 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-3)	11.15 am, 2.45 pm 6.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-1)	3.45 pm, 6.45 pm
	(S-4)	11.30 am
Red (Te)	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 6.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

NorthEast snap winless run with 2-1 win over Jamshedpur

ATKMB, Goa share points after a thrilling draw

Ashutosh Mehta (NorthEast United) heads the ball during a Hero ISL 2020-21 match against Jamshedpur FC at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco, Goa, last evening.

Vasco/Margao, Jan. 18- NorthEast United FC ended their seven-match winless run in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 after a 2-1 win over Jamshedpur FC at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco last evening.

Ashutosh Mehta scored the opening goal in the game and new-signing Deshorn Brown doubled their lead before Peter Hartley halved the deficit for Jamshedpur.

Federico Gallego, the Uruguayan playmaker, covered every blade of grass against Jamshedpur FC. He provided two assists in the match and created five chances for his teammates. Defensively, he made a successful tackle and one block. He was declared as 'Hero of the Match.'

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Federico Gallego (NorthEast United); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Federico Gallego (NorthEast United).

In another match of the day, FC Goa held ATK Mohun Bagan to a hard-fought 1-1 draw at the Fatorda Stadium in Margao yesterday. Edu Garcia broke the deadlock for the Mariners and substitute Ishan Pandita scored the equaliser for Goa.

Saviour Gama had a typically busy performance at the back for Goa. The Gaurs fullback got forward and was disciplined in defence. He created one chance for his teammates, made four successful tackles, three successful interceptions, three blocks and two clearances. Hence, awarded the title 'Hero of the Match.'

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Saviour Gama (FC Goa); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Edu Garcia (ATKMB).

Jorge Ortiz Mendoza (FC Goa) heads the ball during a Hero ISL 2020-21 match against ATKMB at the Fatorda Stadium in Margao, Goa, yesterday.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Jan. 18)

CHENNAIYIN
Vs
EAST BENGAL
GMC Stadium,
Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Jan. 19)

HYDERABAD
Vs
ODISHA
Fatorda Stadium,
Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Results

JAMSHEDPUR - 1
Lose to
NORTHEAST UNITED - 2

GOA - 1
Drew with
ATK MOHUN BAGAN - 1

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